

# Past milestones related to the 2030 Agenda

Meeting of the Community of Practice for Caribbean countries that present their Voluntary National Review

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## 18th meeting of the Regional Council for Planning of ILPES of ECLAC

- The meeting was convened on **19-21 October 2021** by **ECLAC** and the government of **Panama** and was joined by ministers, deputy ministers and planning directors from **26 countries in the region**, including **9 from the Caribbean**.
- The authorities recognized the **importance of public policy consistency** for strengthening the processes and instruments of planning for development and public management for the implementation of the **2030 Agenda**.
- ECLAC presented the position paper: **“Resilient institutions for a transformative post-pandemic recovery in Latin America and the Caribbean: Inputs for discussion**
- Countries further stressed the need to **bolster national planning systems with renewed capacities for planning the post-pandemic recovery with a long-term view**.



## Fourth session of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean

- The event was convened on **26-28 October** by **ECLAC**, the government of **Antigua and Barbuda** and the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**
- Countries reaffirmed the importance of putting **people** and **their rights** at the **center of development**, **safeguarding the region's progress on social development** and **preventing setbacks amid the crisis** unleashed by the pandemic.
- The resolution recognized “the importance of **coordinating social protection systems with disaster risk management policies** to strengthen the **capacity for mitigation, prevention, response and adaptation** and to create **synergies** that will improve the **efficiency and resilience of institutions** and the **population.**”
- Countries further stressed that **multilateralism** and **cooperation** are the critical means for making headway on implementation of the **2030 Agenda** and its **17 SDGs**.



## VII Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction for the Americas and Caribbean (PR21)

- The event took place on 1-4 of November 2021 under the **theme ‘Building Resilient Economies in the Americas and the Caribbean,’** to raise awareness of the increasing economic and human cost of disasters, including **challenges by small island developing States (SIDS).**
- The meeting was chaired by the **Government of Jamaica**, the first Caribbean country to host a regional platform, and co-organized with the **United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)**, and the **Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA).**
- **30 countries** from the Americas and the Caribbean **pledged to step up action to prevent and better manage disasters** and achieve the goals of the **Sendai Framework on DRR.**
- For the first time, a regional platform was preceded by a **special Youth Forum on DRR** and countries agreed that such forums would become a regular feature of future platforms. A **declaration** issued by the youth forum was approved at ministerial level.
- The event concluded by approving ambitious new steps to strengthen a **regional action plan**



## Seminar on non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in the Caribbean

- Prior to the 20th Meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC), **the Executive Secretary of ECLAC and the Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Information Technology of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines**, led a seminar on **4 November 2021** on the **high prevalence of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in the Caribbean subregion**.
- **NCDs**, such as high blood pressure, diabetes and cancer, **exacerbate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic** and **hinder the subregion's progress** towards the 2030 Agenda, due to their **multiple health, economic and social consequences**.
- In this context, the region should **strengthen production, distribution and access to medicines and vaccines** as presented in **ECLAC's Plan for self-sufficiency in health matters** as requested by the **Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC)**.



## 20th Meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC) of ECLAC

- On **5 November 2021**, subregional and international authorities and experts debated about the **multidimensional challenges** that **Caribbean States** continue to face and that define their **vulnerability**, and discussed **innovative solutions on financial, technological and institutional matters** for **accelerating the recovery** and **strengthening economic resilience**.
- Participants reviewed a preliminary working document presented by ECLAC entitled **“Reckoning with COVID-19: pursuing a people-centered recovery and more resilient future for the Caribbean”** and addressed strategies to support the recovery **through regional solidarity and integration**, and how to **safeguard the health of the Caribbean**.
- They also reviewed a report on **implementation of the 2020 programme of work for the Caribbean** and agreed that the **CDCC’s 29th session** will take place in **Suriname**, prior to **ECLAC’s 39th session** to be held in 2022.
- ECLAC remains fully committed to implementing the **‘Caribbean First’ strategy**.



# Thank you

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